

NEW MARKET NEWS

June/July 2007



Main Street accidents show the need for traffic calming.

Message from the Mayor

During the next few weeks the Town will be trying to finalize the streetscape and water line issues. The objective is to run these two projects concurrently in order to minimize the disturbance on Main St. Streetscape has a long circuitous history. I will not get into all that, but the last three years worth is simple. In December 2003, pursuant to our Water Service Area Agreement with the County, the Town passed a concept plan for streetscape that included running water down Main St. and traffic calming and pedestrian/motorist safety features such as bump outs. In spring 2004 the State eliminated all streetscape projects as a result of their financial difficulties. After an entire year, our project was re-instituted. At that time I received a call from Mr. Mike Marschner from Frederick County Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM). He informed the Town that over the previous year the cost of utilities work had increased over three fold. This meant that the approximately 5000 feet of line we had anticipated now is only 1,200 feet. This is attributable to the cost of oil and that the Chinese economy was growing so fast they were driving up the price of iron and steel. This is where we are today.

We are trying to find sources of funding to get as much line down Main St. as possible to maximize the cost efficiencies of running both projects concurrently provide. The Town has \$1.8 million in its investment portfolio. We have tentatively set aside \$900k for incremental water line construction. It was contemplated that these incremental lines (not part of streetscape) would be run down Royal Oaks and Wicomico Ct. Another \$600k is set aside to fix drainage (not part of streetscape) and repave along the alleyways. The last \$300k is set aside as an emergency reserve. Both the Town's and County's request for funding were ranked 26th and 25th respectively. Generally only the top 21 receive funds. The County has suggested they may be willing to add to the project. That is yet to be determined. Commissioner Thompson has stated any additional monies should be paid by residents through benefit assessments. There is some good news. DUSWM informed us last week the cost estimate to run water lines down Royal Oaks and Wicomico Ct. came in \$443k under expectations. There is also the possibility of getting funding from those responsible for the MTBE contaminated wells. Unfortunately MDE has been slow to respond to several DUSWM requests for information. Thus, we have some of the following alternatives (all alternatives may not be identified).

- Use the \$443k from the Royal Oaks/Wicomico Ct. line towards Main St.
- Use the entire \$900k from Royal Oaks/Wicomico line towards Main St.
- Run the entire Main St. and Royal Oaks/Wicomico Ct. line and use benefit assessments for any short fall in funding from government.

This leaves the remaining question as to what direction along Main St. should the line run. DUSWM advocates running the line easterly. This would allow service to the MTBE contaminated wells, provide fire hydrants in the HD and a completed pressurization loop with the County system on the eastside of town.

Now to streetscape. Given the level of traffic along Main St., it has always been our primary objective to make it safer. We identified two means for this; lower the speed (calm traffic) and pedestrian/motorist friendly access (bump outs). The 84th percentile speed according to SHA is 34 mph. Given there are 10,000 vehicles per day (vpd) on Main St., this means that there are 1,600 vpd going over 34 mph. I have yet to see a "Context Sensitive Solution" that states that speeds along any Main St. environment should be greater than 25 mph. Current posted speed is 30 mph. Although SHA claims that bump outs are not a traffic calming device, they have stated that they slow traffic between 3 to 5 mph. This is attributable to the fact that as they narrow the road, drivers tend to slow down. They also keep cars off the alleyway corners providing better site lines for pedestrians/motorists coming onto Main St. as well as better view for motorists traveling along Main St. to see them.

SHA and Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) have opposed bump outs claiming they will destroy the historic character of the town. This is attributable to their assertions that the town is linear as the Nation Register defines it. However, neither SHA nor MHT can explain with any clarity how a bump out changes a line. The road alignment will not change, no archaeological site will be covered over nor will any structure be altered. Further, to the extent that MHT doesn't like them for aesthetic purposes, I spoke with Mr. Jim Klein from *Lardner and Klein Landscape Architects*. Mr. Klein's firm worked on both the National Scenic Byways "Context Sensitive Solutions" as well as Virginia's Route 50 "Context Sensitive Solutions." He addresses the bump out issue through the use of materials. Specifically, in Middleburg Virginia (Virginia Route Design Manual available on the Town website), pavers are planned to be used along both the parking lane and bump out area. The

travel lane will be asphalt. This will visually blend the parking areas with the node so as to keep the appearance of a straight line. Moreover, it also gives the feel of narrow road thus calming traffic. It is interesting to note how similar Middleburg and New Market are in layout. I visited Middleburg over the weekend. It is essentially a larger version of New Market. They used parking meters (which, in my opinion, detracted from the town's appearance) and curb striping to keep cars of the intersections with alleys. They also use stop lights. Their alleyways are wider. This creates a better field of view. They did not appear to have as much traffic, even on a weekend, as New Market. However, when the light turned red traffic quickly backed up for a block.

You should also know that Sharpsburg, Boonsboro, Westminster, Bel Air, Hagerstown and Annapolis all have bump outs. You can view Annapolis' bump outs on the Town website. Note that Annapolis uses all one material that blends the nodes.

There is also one added benefit to our streetscape plan. Making the street safer for pedestrians is also tourist friendly. The more tourists we attract the greater the economic benefit to our businesses by creating a sense of place and destination. This ironically is one of SHA's goals. That is to get people of the highway and onto the National Scenic Byway. The Town wants to give them a safe and scenic project that people will want to see. In my opinion, all we have now is a drainage and utility project, not a streetscape.

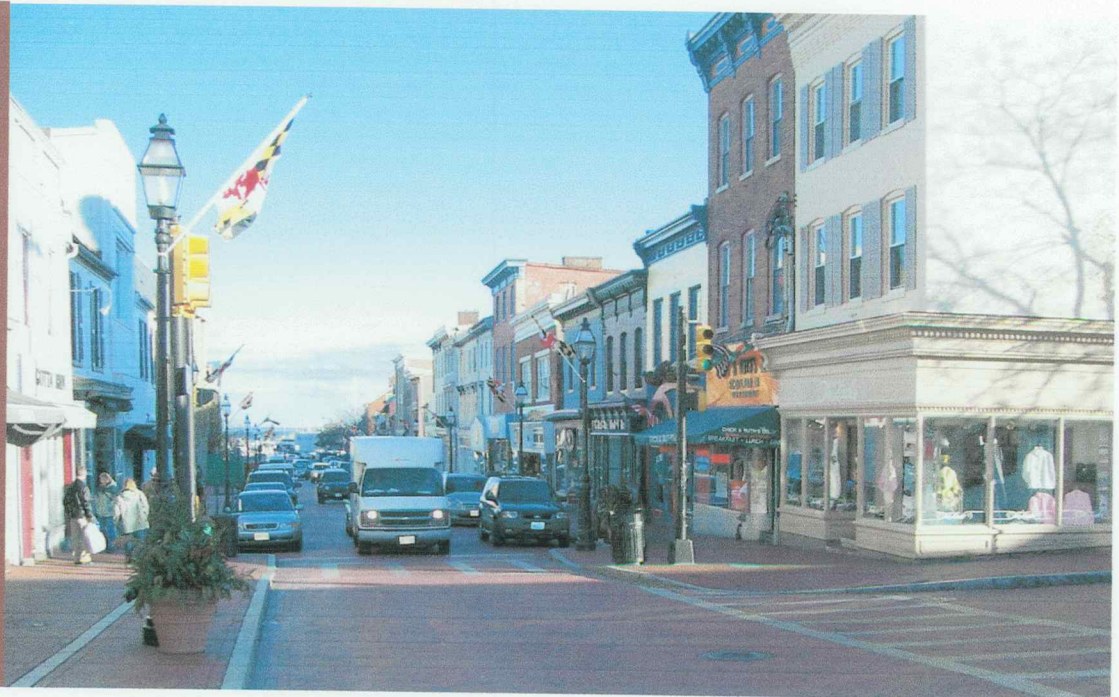
The Town met with both SHA and MHT jointly on May 2nd. We expressed our concerns. We look forward to meeting again later this month to finalize a streetscape plan that incorporates needed safety features.

You may view both the *Virginia Route 50 Design Manual* and *Street Design Guidelines for a Healthy Neighborhood* on the Town's website www.townofnewmarket.org.

Thanks,

Winslow

Annapolis, Maryland and a view of their bump outs.



Town Council Minutes

March

- Mowing contract was awarded to: R&S Cleaning Service, 5816 Hildebrand Road, Frederick, MD 21704 with a bid of \$8920, \$9812, & \$10,794 for years 2007, 2008, & 2009 respectively.
- The current zoning ordinances will be rewritten over the next couple of months during several work-sessions
- Bulk trash pick up dates for 2007 were set as May 1st and October 23.
- Yard waste pick up day has changed from Saturday to Wednesday for 2007.
- Resolution 07-01, Absentee Voter Registration passed and was effective 03/14/2007.

April

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. for the Mayor and Town Council to meet with counsel to obtain legal advice on legal matters.

- Councilman Rossman has a request from several residents about getting mailboxes instead of having to have a PO box.
- Councilman Rossman & Mayor Burhans investigating complaints about the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Bid specifications for the painting of Town Hall will be released in May.
- Mayor Burhans met with the Tourism and the Economic Development offices of Frederick. They are working to help New Market identify grants from the Heart of the Civil War and USDA.
- Paving repairs on North Federal are complete. South and Eighth Alley is the next paving project.

Town Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 39 West Main Street



P&Z Minutes

March

The following items were approved

- Jim Higgs subdivision of his property
- Orchard - FRO Planting Plan
- 103 Burgess Street – Deck application
- Redneck Ribs Sign
- Work-sessions planned for the Zoning Ordinance rewrite

April

The following items were approved:

- 3 South Federal Street – Deck, Fence, & Shed Application
- 407 William Plummer Street – Shed application
- 402 William Plummer Street – Deck/ screened in porch
- Letter sent to Brinkley Manor to clean up area around sediment pond

HDC/ARC Minutes

March

The following items were approved:

- Royal Oaks – Pickett Model, Brick Front Elevation
- DR Horton – Entrance Sign/Fence
- 103 Burgess Street – Deck application
- MMPAC – sign application
- Redneck Ribs – sign application

April

The following items were approved:

- 3 South Federal Street – deck, fence, shed application
- 407 William Plummer Street – shed application
- 402 William Plummer Street – Deck/ screened in porch

Interested in serving on the HDC/ ARC committee?



If you are looking for a way to be involved in your community and would like to serve on the HDC/ARC committee, please contact Karen Durbin at 301-865-5544 or karentownofnewmarket@gmail.com. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Historic New Market Days Festival Set for September 29 & 30

The 48th Annual New Market Days Festival will be held September 29 and 30, 2007. Step back in time and experience our 18th century heritage as the streets are lined with local artisans, entertainers, historic characters and regional cuisine. There will be something for everyone. Throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday visitors will experience reenactments and tour encampments on the grounds of the Grange Hall and Messanelle Park. With cannons booming and smoke rising from battlefield action visitors will be transported back in to time to the sights and sounds of the past. Enjoy craft demonstrations throughout town by artisans who carry on the traditions of the blacksmiths, candle makers, weavers, potters, basket makers, chair caners and more.

A treasure hunt will be held throughout town, and a special place for kids, "Kid Town" will take place at the Grange Hall on 7th alley. Kids Town will feature traditional games, jugglers, face painting, and many other exciting events. The entire family can experience the charm and history of New Market during walking tours, carriage rides and by visiting open shops and residences.

For a truly unique learning experience for the whole family, join us in downtown New Market on this special weekend commemorating our heritage along the Historic National Road.

For more information on New Market Days, call 301-865-5544 or visit www.townofnewmarket.org.

New Walking Maps Available!



CHECK OUT THE NEW WALKING MAP AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT TOWN. DEVELOPED BY SEVERAL RESIDENTS AND DESIGNED BY SARA ENGLAND, OWNER OF BAREFOOT BOUTIQUE, THE MAP IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN NEW MARKET. THE NEW MAP INCLUDES DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL THE SHOPS AND LISTS CHURCHES, PARKS, AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN NEW MARKET. THE BROCHURES WERE FUNDED BY YES NEW MARKET! MICHAEL D'OVIDIO, PRESIDENT OF YES NEW MARKET SAYS THAT HE PLANS TO WORK WITH THE DEALERS ASSOCIATION AND DEVELOP A LARGER TOWN BROCHURE IN TIME FOR THE NEW MARKET DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

Santa Fe Trading Co.

This colorful little shop came to life just this spring. It features crafts of North and South American Native artists. There is an emphasis on Southwestern sterling silver and turquoise jewelry crafted by Navajo and Zuni people. It has a fine collection of Zuni fetishes, used both for their spiritual qualities and for collectors of these lovely carvings. It also features Plains Indian dreamcatchers, chokers, leather medicine bags and pouches...all hand made. Also available are sage and sweet grass for smudging. Many artists are represented including one local artist.

There are whimsical treats for children and adults such as weave friendship bracelets or Andean pan flutes, bead earrings and necklaces. There are also many beautiful and moderately priced jewelry items made of turquoise, malachite, onyx, mother of pearl and coral set in sterling silver. There is even a small collection of antique and elegant Native pieces such as squash blossoms and naja necklaces.

The shop offers information and books about the history of Native peoples, brochures about prehistoric Native sites and historic parks, and an elaborate porch to sit and browse these books, pamphlets and photos. It is truly an experience of beauty, history, happiness and tranquility.

Santa Fe Trading Company
33 West Main St
New Market, MD 21774
301.768.1575



Thank you, thank you, thank you.....

Thanks to Renn Scott for his recent Eagle Scout project at the Community Park. Renn, along with about 20 volunteers that he lined up, spent a day painting the swings, marking the blacktop, and fixing the bike rack. Renn also did the fundraising to raise the money necessary to complete this project. Great job and many thanks to Renn and all of his volunteers who helped spruce up the community park.



A big thank you as well to the members of the New Market Grange who came out on Earth Day to clean and mulch the community park.

New Planning & Zoning and Town Council Members

The former chairman of the New Market Planning Commission, Dennis Kimble, was appointed to the Town Council on May 9. He is replacing Councilman John Carrier after his recent move to the Eastern Shore made him ineligible to continue serving on the Town Council. Mr. Kimble will also become the Town Council liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Dennis has served on the Planning & Zoning Commission for eight years and as Chairman for the last five.

Mike D'Ovidio has replaced Dennis Kimble as the Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee and Bill Schalon (of Brinkley Manor) has been appointed to the P&Z Commission to fill Dennis Kimble's vacancy.

Notes from the Town Office

- We are trying to update our mailing list and would like to add your email address to our files. Please send emails to: townofnewmarket@gmail.com to be added to the email list for important notices, newsletters, etc. Sending this information via email allows us to keep our costs down and for you to receive the info in a timely fashion. Also

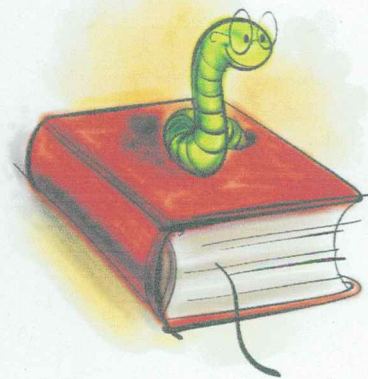
please notify us if you are receiving duplicate mailings.

- Please remember to get your permit applications into the office at least 10 days prior to the P&Z meeting. Permit applications are available on line at town website or you may pick one up at the town office.
- If you have something that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email us at debtownofnewmarket@gmail.com
- Our website is updated regularly, please check it out for meeting agenda and minutes, newsletters, pictures from town events and other important information.

Read any good books lately...

Hopefully you will soon be able to check out some good books at our own little library here at Town Hall. Painting and some minor renovations will be starting soon. If you would like to help get the space ready, give us a call at the Town Hall (301-865-5544) or you can email Shannon Timberlake

(thetimberlakes@verizon.net) and let her know when you are available. As soon as we get the painting, etc. done, we will be ready for more book donations. We will keep you posted.



MMPAC Welcomes Martial Arts to New Market

The Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center (located behind Spoil Me Rotten) would like to introduce John Bannon and the New Market Martial Arts Academy to New Market. Mr. Bannon is a 3rd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has been teaching Karate to ages 2 and up for over 20 years. He is a father to three sons and a resident of the New Market area.

If you would like more information on martial arts classes please contact Mr. Bannon at bannon817@aol.com or 301-865-0316, or you may call MMPAC at 301-694-5105.



Dates to Remember

June

- 13 – Town Council Meeting
 - Closed session – 6:00 p.m.
 - Open session – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 – Planning & Zoning Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

July:

- TBA* – Planning & Zoning Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 – HDC/ARC Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

August:

- TBA* – Planning & Zoning Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – HDC/ARC Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Trash pickup: Tuesday

Yard waste pickup: Wednesday

*Please check the website or call our office at 301-865-5544 for the P&Z meeting date in July & August.



Messanelle Park is set for a face lift. The fountain is to be restored and painted and the shrubs and trees will be trimmed.

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